

implications of building ethane and other natural-gas-liquids-related petrochemical infrastructure in the United States, and H.R. 1138, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project, after receiving testimony from Senators Collins and Klobuchar; and Bruce J. Walker, Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, and Shawn Bennett, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oil and Gas, Office of Fossil Energy, both of the Department of Energy.

PROTECTING INNOCENCE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting innocence in a digital

world, after receiving testimony from Duffie Stone, National District Attorneys Association, Bluffton, South Carolina; Angela J. Campbell, Georgetown Law, and Stephen Balkam, Family Online Safety Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Christopher McKenna, Protect Young Eyes, Caledonia, Michigan; and John F. Clark, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 3628–3660; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 52; and H. Res. 475–480 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1988, to clarify seasoning requirements for certain refinanced mortgage loans, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–138, Part 1);

H.R. 677, to amend gendered terms in Federal law relating to the President and the President's spouse (H. Rept. 116–139);

H.R. 2368, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand support for police officer family services, stress reduction, and suicide prevention, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–140);

H.R. 1986, to amend section 175b of title 18, United States Code, to correct a scrivener's error (H. Rept. 116–141);

H.R. 1569, to amend title 28, United States Code, to add Flagstaff and Yuma to the list of locations in which court shall be held in the judicial district for the State of Arizona (H. Rept. 116–142); and

H. Res. 476, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2500) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, and providing for con-

sideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 116–143).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Clay to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Resignation from the House Republican Conference: Read a letter from Representative Cheney wherein she announced that Representative Amash resigned from the House Republican Conference.

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Committee Election Vacated: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she announced that Representative Amash's election to the Committee on Oversight and Reform has been vacated effective July 9, 2019.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 4:31 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Protect Affordable Mortgages for Veterans Act of 2019: H.R. 1988, amended, to clarify seasoning requirements for certain refinanced mortgage loans;

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Amending the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to amend the definition of whistleblower: H.R. 2515, amended, to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to amend the definition of whistleblower, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 431;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to amend the definition of whistleblower, to extend the

anti-retaliation protections provided to whistleblowers, and for other purposes”; **Page H5288**

Housing Financial Literacy Act of 2019: H.R. 2162, amended, to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to discount FHA single-family mortgage insurance premium payments for first-time homebuyers who complete a financial literacy housing counseling program; **Pages H5278–80**

Emphasizing the importance of grassroots investor protection and the investor education missions of State and Federal securities regulators, calling on the Securities and Exchange Commission to collaborate with State securities regulators in the protection of investors: H. Res. 456, emphasizing the importance of grassroots investor protection and the investor education missions of State and Federal securities regulators, calling on the Securities and Exchange Commission to collaborate with State securities regulators in the protection of investors; **Pages H5280–82**

Improving Investment Research for Small and Emerging Issuers Act: H.R. 2919, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study to evaluate the issues affecting the provision of and reliance upon investment research into small issuers; **Pages H5282–83**

Expanding Investment in Small Businesses Act of 2019: H.R. 3050, amended, to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study of the 10 per centum threshold limitation applicable to the definition of a diversified company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 432; and **Pages H5283–85, H5288**

Expanding Access to Capital for Rural Job Creators Act: H.R. 2409, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for rural-area small businesses, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 433. **Pages H5285–87, H5288–89**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:17 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5287**

Protecting Affordable Mortgages for Veterans Act of 2019: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 1749, to clarify seasoning requirements for certain refinanced mortgage loans. **Page H5289**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:03 p.m. and reconvened at 11:48 p.m. **Page H5293**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5287–88, H5288, and H5288–89. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2500, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2500, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020”. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–19, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. Each amendment in part B may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the further amendments printed in part B of the report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that at the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The question of such amendments’ adoption shall be put to